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Marked up version of the paragraph starting at page 11, lines 19-25, is below:

In situ PCR amplification and detection of HBV RNA. Reactions were carried out according to the protocol described in Liu et al., (1997; J. Vir. 71:4079) except that HBV specific sequences for primers and probe were used. The sequences for these is as follows:

HBV A: 5'-TGCCTGAGTGC(TA)GTATG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 1)

HBV B: 5'-TAGGAGGCTGTAGGCAT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 2)

HB Probe: 5'-TTTATAAGGGTCGATGTCCAT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 3)